

August 15, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I write in strong support of LightSquared's efforts to launch a nationwide 4G-LTE broadband wireless network.

LightSquared's integrated satellite-terrestrial network will greatly increase access to wireless broadband for the 26 million Americans who lack it, particularly in rural areas. In rural areas, where one in five households do not yet have access to broadband, service provided through a wholesaler like LightSquared is probably the only opportunity users will have to tap high-speed internet services.

As a long-standing satellite communications provider to the public safety and homeland security community, the new network's ability to reach remote areas and provide seamless secure connectivity will be of great benefit to everyone. As a soldier, I can testify to the importance of having top notch technology available. With national security at stake, why are we dragging our feet?

The potential for interference with GPS devices is a serious issue that the FCC must address. However, if the GPS device makers followed DOD guidelines, there would be no interference problems and Americans would benefit greatly from the competition facilitated by this new 4G-LTE network. Already, LightSquared has proposed a path forward by generously moving to the channel farthest away from GPS frequencies; this plan resolves interference

concerns for the vast majority of GPS devices in use today. Given the United States' urgent need for expanded wireless broadband capacity, it seems that the next step is for the GPS industry to make the necessary adjustments to its receivers to fix the remaining 1% and in fact, LightSquared has offered to underwrite the costs of such fixes.

The GPS industry should be held accountable for its negligence and the current delay in the deployment of a much needed network that will help secure the public's safety. The American people, and our soldiers, should not need to wait further – and certainly not indefinitely – to accommodate the GPS industry's procrastination. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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